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Title)	NETWORK DEVICE INCLUDING CENTRAL AND DISTRIBUTED SWITCH FABRIC SUBSYSTEMS
Examiner)	Daniel J. Ryman
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 24, 2005, rejecting Claims 18, 32, 34, and 35 and objecting to Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 11-13, 18, 20-23, 25, 26, 28, 29, and 32 (allowing Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-17, and 19-31) of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-32, 34, and 35 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.



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